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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0057

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

SUBJECT: ACTIVITY IN DARLAC PROVINCE

1. BRIG GENERAL LE VAN THAN, DEPUTY II CORPS COMMANDER IN NHA
TRANG, REPORTED THIS MORNING (FEB 1) THAT THE ARVN 23RD DIVISION
COMMANDER, BRIG. GENERAL LE TRUNG TUONG BELIEVES THAT THE 320TH NVA
DIVISION HAS MOVED FROM ITS PREVIOUS LOCATION IN PLEIKU TO
WESTERN DARLAC. TO COUNTER THIS THREAT, THE HQS OF THE ARVN 53
REGT, ITS 2ND BN., THE 3RD/8TH ARMORED CAVALRY GROUP AND SOME
ARTILLERY UNITS WERE MOVED YESTERDAY FROM PLEIKU TO BAN ME THUOT.
ANOTHER BATTALION OF THE 53RD HAS BEEN AT DUC LAP IN QUANG DUC
PROVINCE
FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

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2. GENERAL THAN ALSO REPORTED THAT ON JANUARY 30 THREE NVA TANKS

WERE SPOTTED 20 KMS WSW OF BUON HO IN DARLAC PROVINCE. AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED IN ON THE TANKS WHICH REPORTEDLY WERE DAMAGED 30 PERCENT.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION ON THE MOVEMENT OF THE 320TH, THE PRESENCE OF TANKS, IF ACCURATE MIGHT INDICATE THAT SUCH A MOVE IS TAKING PLACE. IT WOULD ALSO BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE DECISION TO MOVE THE 53RD PLUS ARMOR AND ARTILLERY TO BAN ME THUOT.
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